(ii) Ammonia-Urea units at Durgapur and Haldia Fertilizer Project (West Bengal), Barauni (Bihar), Ammonium Sulphate unit at Namrup-I (Assam) and Ammonia/Urea unit at Namrup-II (Assam) of Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Ltd. (HFC);

(iii) Urea-I unit of Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilizers Ltd. (RCF) at Trombay (Maharashtra); and

(iv) Dehradun (Uttaranchal), Amjhore (Bihar) and Saladipura (Rajasthan) units of Pyrites, Phosphates and Chemicals Ltd. (PPCL).

Control on urea production industry

†319. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether government are considering a proposal to lift all Government controls on urea fertilizer production industry;

(b) if so, by when a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) to (c) In keeping with the policy of economic liberalization and reforms, all other varieties of fertilizers except urea have already been freed from price, movement and distribution control. the Governemnt intends moving towards deregulated regime in all the three types of fertilizers, that is nitrogen, phosphatic and potassic, after taking into account its fiscal capacity on the one hand and making available fertilizers to farmers at a reasonable price on the other. It is proposed to translate the intention of the Government into a concrete action plan by formulating a long term policy aiming at complete deregulation of fertilizer sector in a phased manner.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.